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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Kaoru SUGITA, :
Yoshihiro TAJIMA, : AN INTERNAL CHILL CASTING
Masayuki YASUDA, : METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
Tetsuo ISHIKAWA, : A CAST PRODUCT CONTAINING
Masahide HAMADA : A PIPE THEREIN
and Yoshiki MATSUZAKI :

Serial No. Not Yet Assigned :

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 6, line 27, delete "at" (second occurrence).

Page 8, line 18, change "is" to read --it--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 7, 9 and 10 and add new claims 11-16 as follows: